

Holden R-3

School District



Oct/Nov 2020

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Learning Outside the Box

We've all heard there are benefits of getting outside; fresh air in our lungs, stress relief by connecting with nature, physical activity to improve our health. In the midst of the pandemic, Holden teachers and staff are stepping outside classrooms in higher numbers than ever before and are reaping some additional benefits; enhanced student motivation brought on by doing rigorous schoolwork in new environments, improved psychological wellbeing and confidence in abilities, and better focus - even when returning indoors!



Coats for Kids & Boo to You



Does your child need a coat for winter, or a costume for Halloween? Contact our district Social Worker, Andie Smith, to schedule an appointment the week of October 19-23. brightfutures@holdenschools.org or (816) 345-0269

Virtual Assignment Handbooks

For 18% of our students, their home is their classroom. Our district Tech Coaches at HMS & HHS launched Virtual Assignment Handbooks at the beginning of the school year to help those families keep track of lessons and assignments. And our teachers have made it fun! Take a look at some of the creative way assignments and classroom codes have been presented:



2020-2021 CALENDAR

October 12	No School - Teacher In-Service	January 18	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
October 19 & 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm	February 15	No School - President's Day
October 23	No School	March 15-19	No School - Spring Break
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break	April 2 & 5	No School - Easter Break
December 18	Early Release @ 1:15pm	May 16	Graduation
December 21-31	No School - Holiday Break	May 20	Last Student Day, Early Release @ 1:15pm
January 1	No School - New Year's Day		End of 2nd Semester
January 4	No School - Teacher In-Service	May 21	No School - Teacher Workday
January 15	End of 1st Semester		

"The mission for Holden R-III School District is for all students, upon graduation, to have marketable skills or the basis to be eligible for post-secondary educational opportunities."

October 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please check the school website for the latest calendar information at holdenschools.org/calendar		We're on Instagram! @holdenschools		1 MS Volleyball @ Carrollton 5pm HS Volleyball Games @ Richmond Times TBD HS Softball v. Lafayette @ Holden V 5pm, JV 6pm	2 HS Varsity Football Game v. Lafayette @ HHS 7pm HOMECOMING	3 HS Volleyball Varsity Tournament @ Archie 9am
4	5 HS Softball v. Leeton @ HHS JV & V 4:30pm HS Volleyball Games @ Knob Noster JV 5pm V 6pm HS JV Football Game v. Lafayette @ HHS 5:30pm	6 ACT Testing @ HHS 8am MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Excelsior Springs 4pm MS Volleyball Game @ Richmond 5pm HS Volleyball Games v. Carrollton @ HHS JV 5pm V 5:30pm MS Football Game @ Carrollton 5:30pm HS Softball Games @ Richmond V 5pm JV 6:30pm	7 HS Softball @ Lafayette V 5pm JV 6pm	8 HS Softball Games v. Carrollton @ Holden V 5pm JV 6pm HS Volleyball Games v. Knob Noster @ HHS JV 5pm V 6pm	9 HS Varsity Football Game @ Richmond 7pm	10 HS Cross Country Varsity Meet @ Lexington HS Volleyball Varsity Tournament @ Sherwood 9am HS Softball v. Lexington @ Holden V 10am
11	12 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice HS Softball Game @ Clinton JV/V 5pm HS JV Football Game @ Richmond 5:30pm Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	13 HS Volleyball Games @ Lexington JV 5pm V 7pm MS Football Game v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5:30pm	14 HS Softball District Game TBD	15 MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Warrensburg 4pm HS Volleyball Games @ Lafayette JV 5pm V 7pm MS Football Game v. Knob Noster @ HHS 5:30pm	16 HS Varsity Football Game v. Carrollton @ HHS 7pm	17
18	19 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm HS JV Football Game v. Carrollton @ HHS 5:30pm HS Volleyball @ Carrollton JV 5pm V 6pm	20 HS Volleyball Game v. Richmond @ HHS Times TBD	21 HS Cross Country Conference Meet @ Richmond 2pm	22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm	23 NO SCHOOL HS Varsity Football Game @ Knob Noster 7pm	24 HS Cross Country Varsity Meet @ St. Michael the Archangel TBD
25	26 HS Volleyball Districts TBD	27 Picture Re-takes & Virtual Student Pictures	28 National FFA Convention (virtual)	29 National FFA Convention (virtual) FFA Greenhand Ceremony @ HHS Cafeteria 6pm	30 National FFA Convention (virtual) HS Varsity Football Districts TBD	31 HS Cross Country Districts TBD National FFA Convention (virtual)

Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Responsibility - taking ownership of what you say and do

November 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 First Day of Winter Sports/Activities	3	4	5 FFA Speaking Contest @ Lakeland	6 FFA Bonfire/Meeting 7-10:30pm	7 HS Cross Country Varsity State @ Gans Creek Time TBD
8	9 Board of Education Meeting @ MS Library 7pm	10	11 FFA District Speaking Contest	12	13	14 MS Wrestling Tournament @ Butler 9am
15	16	17 MS Wrestling Meet v. Butler, Sherwood @ HMS 5pm	18	19	20 MS/HS Musical @ HHS gym Time TBD	21 MS Wrestling Tournament @ Oak Grove 9am MS/HS Musical @ HHS gym Time TBD
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK					
		HS Girls Basketball @ Warrensburg JV 4:30pm V 6:30pm HS Boys Basketball v. Concordia @ HHS C 5pm JV 6:30pm V 8pm MS Wrestling Quad @ Pleasant Hill 5pm		Thanksgiving Day		
29	30 MS Wrestling Quad @ Knob Noster 5pm					



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Our CHARACTERplus Trait of the month is

Citizenship - being a responsible member of a community

Contact Us

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School Website

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Cafeterias Reimagined

Most students have been eating meals in their classrooms to allow for distancing. This enables our cafeterias to be utilized as classrooms, indoor recess spaces, and assembly lines for meals picked up by virtual students or for younger children in our community. At the elementary and middle schools, food service staff load wagons with meals to deliver to each room every day. At the high school, students can grab breakfast on their way to class in the mornings from a cart in the hall and are served lunch in the kitchen then take their meals back to their rooms. Bottle fillers are going in on every water fountain to ensure touchless access to water for students and staff.



School Closing Notifications

We take this opportunity to inform parents of the procedure used in the dismissal of school due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Many factors are considered when determining to close including temperature, road conditions, facility, with the student and staff safety being a top priority. Closings are announced using the following avenues:

Text: Subscribers to Text Alerts will receive a text message;

Phone: A recorded message will be sent to all Holden R-III families;

Email: An electronic message will be sent to all Holden R-III families who have an email on file with our office; Website: holdenschools.org;

Social Media: Holden R-III Schools Facebook & Twitter accounts

TV: WDAF (Channel 4), KCTV (Channel 5), KMBC (Channel 9), KSHB (Channel 41);

October 12: No School, Teacher Inservice
October 23: No School
Nov 23-27: No School, Thanksgiving Break

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